

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

July 7, 2008
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

Marcie Palmer, Council President; Randy Corman; Greg Taylor; Rich Zwicker; King Parker; Don Persson. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; GERALD RERECICH, Recreation Director; SHAWN DALY, Senior Services Coordinator; SEAN CLAGGETT, Recreation Specialist II; DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXELL, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Community Services: Special
Olympics Athlete Recognition

Shawn Daly, Senior Services Coordinator announced that the Washington State Special Olympics finals in soccer, cycling, and track and field took place at Fort Lewis earlier this year. He pointed out that 70 athletes represented Renton in those sports. Sean Claggett, Recreation Specialist II, introduced each athlete present, who in turn announced his or her particular sport(s).

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Wine reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2008 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The Renton Municipal Arts Commission is sponsoring an original artwork display by the Sierra Heights Elementary School Art Program through August 10 in the Carco Theatre lobby located at 1717 Maple Valley Hwy.
- * The City of Renton and the Renton School District are working together to provide free summer lunches to children ages 1 to 18 at five local parks: Kennydale, Kiwanis, Philip Arnold, Teasdale, and Tiffany. Children can receive a nutritionally balanced lunch and enjoy drop-in summer recreational programs at any of these sites each week, Monday through Friday.

Mayor Law congratulated City staff for a job well done at the 4th of July celebration at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. He also remarked that the "Return to Renton" car show was a great success.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Petersen -
2008 Comprehensive Plan
Amendments

Linda Petersen (King County) expressed support for the consent agenda item that would add the Fairwood/Redmill area to the review process for proposed 2008 Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Citizen Comment: Tharp -
Valley View Mobile Home
Park

Ed Tharp (Renton) inquired about Valley View Mobile Home Park being rezoned to Residential 4 (R-4) zoning due to the recent New Life - Aqua Barn annexation. Mayor Law said the matter will be investigated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2008

Approval of Council meeting minutes of June 23, 2008. Council concur.

Court Case: Kenneydale Critical Areas Alliance & Susan Rider, CRT-08-006

Court Case filed on behalf of Kenneydale Critical Areas Alliance and Susan Rider, by Ashley A. Peck and David S. Mann, Gendler & Mann, LLP, seeking judicial review and reversal of City Council's decision of June 9, 2008, regarding the Blueberry Haven Short Plat appeal (LUA-07-131). Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

City Clerk: 2008 Renton Population

City Clerk reported the official population of the City of Renton as of 4/1/2008 to be 78,780 as calculated by the State of Washington Office of Financial Management. Information.

King County: 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Community and Economic Development Department recommended authorizing the Mayor to send a letter to the King County Council presenting the City's position on the 2008 King County Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Council concur.

CED: Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption, 2nd & Main Apartments

Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of the multi-family housing property tax exemption agreement for the 2nd & Main Apartments project. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Comprehensive Plan: 2008 Amendments

Community and Economic Development Department submitted, as an emergency finding, two additional proposed 2008 Comprehensive Plan amendments (two map amendments - Fairwood/Redmill and Benson Hill). Refer to Planning & Development Committee and Planning Commission.

Annexation: Liberty, 156th Ave SE & SE 144th St

Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of the ordinance effectuating the Liberty Annexation, and presenting the ordinance for first and second reading. Council concur. (See page 225 for ordinance.)

Fire: 2008 Basic Life Support Services, King County

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended acceptance of \$805,254 from King County for basic life support services for 2008. Council concur. (See page 224 for resolution.)

Police: Domestic Violence Advocacy Assistance Program, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Police Department reported application for funds in the amount of \$12,189 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to help fund the Domestic Violence Victim Advocate program. Information.

Utility: Transformers & Connections Replacement Design, RH2 Engineering

Utility Systems Division requested approval of an agreement in the amount of \$24,948 with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the design of replacement transformers and connections at City water facilities. Council concur.

Legal: NPDES Stormwater Permit, Additional Funds

Legal Division recommended contributing up to an additional \$25,000 to the consortium of government entities to fund further work on the appeals to the proposed NPDES II permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Phase II). Council concur.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Transportation (Aviation)
Committee

Transportation: I-405 (at Talbot Rd S) Cooperative Traffic Signal Operation, WSDOT

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding the cooperative operation of traffic signals at the I-405 ramp located on Talbot Rd. S. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 224 for resolution.)

Transportation: Duvall Ave NE Reconstruction Utility Conversion, Qwest

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the proposed Construction Agreement NCA2730.0 and the Statement of Work No. NCA2730.SS1.0 with Qwest, for Qwest to reimburse the City for its share of undergrounding utility conversion costs, estimated at \$100,428. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Council: Transportation (Aviation) Committee Agenda Item Clean-up Report

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a Transportation (Aviation) Committee clean-up report recommending the following referrals be closed:

1. Item #2328, "Downtown Connectivity to The Landing (Wayfinding)." The Committee met to discuss the matter on 4/18/2007. The matter is closed as a result of referral #2389 approving a contract with Sea Reach, Ltd. on 4/23/2007 for a wayfinding system.
2. Item #2337, "Maple Valley Highway Improvements Phase 2, WSDOT." The contract was approved by Council on 10/1/2007.
3. Item #2386, "Airport Policy Issues, Paholke Correspondence." This matter was referred to the City Attorney's office as part of an FAA Part 16 complaint.
4. Item #2390, "Northwest Seaplanes Lease Addendum." This matter was withdrawn by Northwest Seaplanes because they are working on a new proposal.
5. Item #2391, "Kenmore Air Harbor Lease." This matter was withdrawn by Kenmore Air because they are working on a new proposal.
6. Item #2456, "Transit to Southport, Lake Washington Blvd. N." This matter is closed as a result of Renton's participation in Transit Now's Route 110.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development
Committee

CED: Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Modifications

Planning & Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to:

1. Approve the modifications to the designated residential targeted areas for eligible projects for the Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption; and
2. Adopt an ordinance to amend the Exemption (RMC 4-1-220) by:
 - a. Modifying the designated residential targeted areas;
 - b. Implementing the provisions of House Bill 1910;

- c. Incorporating affordable housing; and
- d. Modifying project eligibility and fees

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See later this page for ordinance.)

Council: Planning &
Development Committee
Agenda Item Clean-up Report

Planning & Development Committee Parker presented a Planning & Development Committee clean-up report recommending the following referrals be closed:

1. Item #2308, "Multiple-Story Building Within the Height Limitation." This issue will be handled as part of the 2006 Title IV Docket housekeeping (#2397).
2. Item #2393, "Public Right of Way, Political Sign Placement." The Committee met to discuss this issue on 6/21/2007, 8/9/2007, and 9/6/2007. The City Attorney prepared a preliminary draft, but at this time the Committee recommends no further action be taken.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3954

Transportation: I-405 (at Talbot Rd S) Cooperative Traffic Signal Operation, WSDOT

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Washington Department of Transportation and the City of Renton, regarding the cooperative operation of traffic signals at the I-405 ramp located on Talbot Rd. S. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3955

Fire: 2008 Basic Life Support Services, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with King County regarding funding for Basic Life Support services for the Renton Fire and Emergency Services Department. **MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 7/14/2008 for second and final reading:

CED: Multi-Family Housing
Property Tax Exemption
Modifications

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code, by modifying the designated residential targeted areas, implementing the provisions of House Bill 1910, incorporating affordable housing, and modifying project eligibility and fees. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/14/2008. CARRIED.**

Planning: Development
Regulations (Title IV) Docket
Review

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code, to add regulations regarding the required location for parking for properties that abut an alley in the Residential 8 (R-8) single family residential zoning designation. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/14/2008. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and advancement to second and final reading:

Annexation: Liberty, 156th
Ave SE & SE 144th St

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 193 acres, generally located east of 152nd Ave. SE, if extended, and south of SE 136th St., with approximately 27 acres north of SE 136th St.; Liberty Annexation. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.**

Ordinance #5398

Annexation: Liberty, 156th
Ave SE & SE 144th St

Following second and final reading of the above referenced ordinance, it was **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #5399

Budget: New Administrative
Assistant Position, Human
Resources

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by adding the position of Human Resources Administrative Assistant to the 2008 Budget index of positions. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services: "Once
Upon a Mattress" Teen
Musical

Council President Palmer reported that volunteers are needed to help cut out patterns and sew costumes for the teen musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," opening at Carco Theatre on July 25.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: McCammon
- Fireworks Ban

Dave McCammon (Renton) thanked City officials and staff for notifying citizens in newly annexed areas about the fireworks ban.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:29 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth
July 7, 2008